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EDITORIAL...ONE...FROM THE PROPHETS.

What of surprise may be felt, or expressed, anywhere, with regard to the logical development of what is known as the "Astoria Situation," arises, not so much from its actual evolution, as that it is so extraordinarily late in finding fruition!

That this city and harbor were to figure hugely in the ultimate commercial expansion of the great northwest has never been doubted in any mind at all familiar with natural conditions here for a single moment, and the news that James J. Hill had "cut the Gordian Knot" of an age-old, inspired and wicked course of baffling repression, by deliberately spending a score of millions to get in at the mouth of the Columbia in such shape as to defy interference or defeat, is but a fulfillment of prophecies made through the years in this great behalf.

Among the most masterful of these candid and assured declarations, the following are most potent:

"The Columbia River will one day provide the great outlet to the Pacific Ocean for the entire western half of the United States."

THOS. H. BENTON,
In Congress, 1850.

"Here will be built the greatest maritime city on the Pacific Coast."
S. H. H. CLARK,
Father of American Railroads.

"The mouth of the Columbia River is the only natural outlet to the Pacific Northwest."

COLLIS P. HUNTINGTON,
President, S. P. R. R.

"Whoever controls the line to the mouth of the Columbia River will for all time control the transportation problem of the Pacific Northwest."

ARCHIBALD A. SCHENCK,
Engineer, New York Cent. R. R.

"This is undoubtedly the place from which the grain shipments of the great Columbia River Valley will be made. You have the situation here unquestionably."

LOUIS W. HILL,
Pres. Gt. Nor. R. R., July, 1907.

These conclusive deductions of the leaders of American transportation progress, have been amply fortified by the most unequivocal and candid arguments, in the same vein, urged by Hon. Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Portland Daily Oregonian, whose best expressions on this grave subject were reproduced in these columns, in large part, quite lately.

The sum of astonishment will be notable when the quick and immense lines of development begun to assert themselves and the colossal scheme of Hill, Harriman and other leaders, shall take shape and substance, and the observant, interested citizen of Oregon shall begin to measure up the latitude of their plans at Astoria. For these men and their allies intend that Astoria harbor and the lordly Columbia shall serve the full purpose and destiny nature, and the immutable laws of commerce prescribe for such attributes as theirs!

WAVE OF RAILROAD DISASTER.

The country is undergoing another wave of railroad disaster, and by the time it has run its course, the old records of death and damage and loss will be blacker and heavier than ever.

But these periods of traffic tragedy seem to have no deterrent effect on the traveling hosts of America; our people go right ahead with their engagements for long and short distance trips with undiminished confidence and hardly vary their routes away from the lines involved in the passing misfortune.

It takes a good deal to bluff a live American these days; he is so busy and his time is so valuable, and his dates so important to him and his business, he takes any old risk willingly rather than forego the specific chance to make money.

A traveling man out of Portland recently explained this condition of apparent indifference, rather cleverly: He said, speaking for his own class, particularly, that "the ordinary drummer counted himself safer than usual on a road upon

which there had just been a bad wreck, because of the fact, that for some time after such a disaster, every employee on that road was more than customarily cautious and that a repetition of the disaster, on the same line was very remote." This may be comfortable philosophy and quite applicable, and it serves as well as anything else to account for the extraordinary faith that keeps the ratio of the traveling public up to the standard, no matter how many, how severe, or where, the disasters may be, or are.

THE WELCOME TEN.

All Astoria was pleased yesterday to welcome the nine young ladies visiting the United States from Hawaii and their popular chaperone, Mrs. Elizabeth Foster Wethered. The tour of this bery of bright young women from the beautiful Islands, is about closed and they will soon be back in their equatorial homes, where, let us hope, in the long and delightful history of their trip, as they shall unfold it to deeply interested kin and friends, they will have a pleasant, friendly word for Astoria and Astorians.

May every unexpired hour of their outing be filled to the brim with unforgettable pleasure, and may come in health and safely and happy realization, into the homes and hearts awaiting them in the sunny, southern seas!

ASTORIA'S ANCHORMEN.

Today the tug-of-war men of Astoria are to choose by test, the champion of that sport for the lower Columbia Valley, and we hope he may be such a giant and master as shall hold the name and fame of the City-by-the-Sea for many a long day to come, in the annals of the manly game.

It takes a man to fill such a bill as this, and there are no lack of men hereabout and the culling of their representative is no easy task. Once he is found he will be a tough proposition to get away with in the great games and exhibitions that are to follow in the international meets.

Here's to him and his future record; may it last long and be maintained to the glory of his nation, his calling and the city that sends him out as its champion!

WILL BE IMPORTANT MEETING

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS TOMORROW NIGHT—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REID PROPOSITION WILL BE READ.

The meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held on Monday night will probably be enlivened by the report of the executive committee on the William Reid railroad proposition which has been referred to them. As there has been some discussion in a general way over the demand made by this committee on Mr. Reid that he give a bond of \$250,000 or some reasonable sum, that he will pay any laborers that may work on this proposed railroad, the entire membership of the Chamber will at this meeting have an opportunity to express themselves either favorably or unfavorably. In fact, the action the Chamber may take on the report will so far as the Chamber itself is concerned, settle the matter once and for all, so far as can now be seen.

If the report is adopted and the committee discharged, then the opinion of the committee will be final and binding on the Chamber. If the report is not adopted then the Chamber will have within its scope of power to take some further or different action from that proposed by the executive committee. There is to say the least, considerable interest in the matter and a full attendance at Monday night's meeting is to be expected. It is not unlikely that President Hawgood of the railroad company of which Mr. Reid is the secretary and attorney, will be present in person, although nothing definite is known on the subject of his attendance.

RAILWAY MEN TO MEET.

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 19.—The annual convention of the American Street & Interurban Railway Association, to be held here this week, has attracted hundreds of delegates from all over the United States and Canada. In conjunction with the convention a great exhibition of street railway supplies and machinery was opened today on the steel pier. Besides the convention of the association proper there will be meetings during the week of the claim agents, engineers, accountants and representatives of other branches of the street railway service.

A Most Worthy Article.

When an article has been on the market for years and gains friends every year, it is safe to call this medicine a worthy one. Such is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It positively cures coughs and all Pulmonary diseases. One of the best known merchants in Mobile, Ala., says:

"For five years my family has not been troubled with the winter cough. We owe this to Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I know it has saved my children from many sick spells."

SHADOW MAGNATES

A Dog Catcher's Record for Being Bitten.

NEW YORK A MINING CAMP

No Trouble is Expected in the Organization of Congress—Telephones Now Sold in Open Market by the American Telephone & Telephone Company.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The very latest style in New York is to have a shadow, and there is scarcely a man of prominence in the city, especially in the great financial district, who is without one. While they are worn at all times, these shadows are not those cast by the sun but real detectives disguised in second-hand frock coats and false whiskers. Never before has there been such a rage for having people shadowed and with exposures in high finance and politics coming daily, the person who has not a shadow on his trail does not amount to much. Stuyvesant Fish asserts that he has been followed for more than a year and strangely enough E. H. Harriman has not the natural allowance of one shadow but five. While the public adds two and two and makes shrewd guesses each of these gentlemen refuse to say whom he suspects of having him shadowed. Comptroller Metz who recently refused to shake hands with Police Commissioner Bingham asserts that he was shadowed across the ocean and back again by the latter's sleuths, while "Fingy" Conners, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, asserts that the shadowing emissaries of his arch political opponents have made themselves extremely obnoxious. It is also reported that Mayor McClellan is watched by the shadows of Hearst, and Wall Street fairly swarms with them. There is no reason why any shadow should be without a job. The number of private detective bureaus in the city has more than doubled in the past two or three years and all of them are kept busy. The New Yorker who has not a shadow nowadays is accredited with little standing.

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is the title claimed for Isath Lees, official dog catcher of Yonkers who is dying from hydrophobia. There may be tramps who have felt the pressure of canine teeth oftener than Lees, but if so they are unknown to fame and this dog catcher's record of having been bitten by 261 dogs is likely to stand for some time. The 262 bite proved fatal, however, and hydrophobia overtook the most bitten man in the world. Beside being the most bitten, Lees has been chewed by a greater variety of dogs than any one before him, no less than 51 different varieties ranging from the mastiff to the toy spaniel having lacerated him more or less seriously at various times in the last three and a half years, during which period he was bitten on an average of nearly twice a week. Several times already he has been laid up with all symptoms of hydrophobia but recovered every time, and until bite number 262 resulted in his death, he was believed to be immune.

Whether or not the discovery of gold, not in the form of bullion, but a real mine in the earth itself, in New York this week is to turn the city into a mining camp remains to be seen, but

there seems to be no doubt that gold has been discovered and right in the heart of Manhattan too. When nearly a year ago a similar discovery was made in excavating for the foundations of a skyscraper excitement was intense until it was discovered that the gold did not exist in quantities to make it valuable. The present discovery, however, has not only revived all the old excitement but added to it many fold, since if the ore assays as much as the sample already obtained its value as estimated by experts would be nearly \$25,000 a ton. The "strike" was made within half a mile of the city hall by a sewer construction company which was making borings along the edge of the East River. For several days the drills have been bringing up quartz, a remarkable circumstance in itself, until finally a fireman looking at the material thus brought up discovered that it contained gold, expert examination revealed the surprising value of the find. The ore as now located lies 100 feet below the mean water mark in the East River on the downtown waterfront. Whether the ore is so placed that it can be extracted profitably remains a matter of conjecture. Meanwhile no claims have been

staked out, chiefly perhaps because only a few know of the location of the discovery.

Although New York has held the opinion that there was not much left for it to learn in the promoting line, it has discovered something absolutely new this week and has been much interested in the visit here of Dr. Richard Harlan who is a son of Justice Harlan of the supreme court and who was formerly president of a western university. Dr. Harlan is an educational promoter for the present at least, and he is giving his time and energies to the task of securing the financial support necessary to make George Washington University, at Washington, the greatest centre of graduate study in the country. In this, Dr. Harlan says, he is only carrying out the desire expressed by the Father of his Country, for whom the institution is named, to see a great national university at the federal capital. Those who are behind the present movement, however, believe that better results can be obtained if the institution is enlarged through a widespread popu-

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BIG FURNITURE SALE!

Owing to my desire to retire from business I have started a reduction sale in order to dispose of my large and reliable stock as quickly as possible. Ill health has prompted me to dispose of my entire stock at prices that you cannot well afford to overlook. Every piece of furniture represents the highest value and at this time you will be able to save a great deal of money by trading here during this sale.

READ THE FOLLOWING PRICE LIST. OTHER REDUCTIONS IN PROPORTION.

\$ 900	Reclining Go-Carts	Sale \$ 6.35
14.50	Reclining Go-Carts	" 8.85
6.50	Mirror, 18x40	" 4.95
30.00	6-Hole Range, warranted 10 years	" 25.50
60.00	6-Hole Majestic Malleable Range	" 52.00
14.00	Magic National Heaters, cast lined	" 11.50
1.75	Steel lined heaters, good grade	" 1.15
3.00	Iron Beds	" 1.85
4.50	Iron Beds, 5-spindle back angle iron	" 3.25
13.50	Simmons Iron Bed	" 8.75
1.65	Best grade inlaid linoleum	" 1.30
1.25	Granite inlaid linoleum	" .85
.85	12-ft. wide; best grade linoleum	" .65
.65	6-ft. wide; good grade linoleum	" .47 1/2
.50	6-ft. wide; best grade oil cloth	" .35
.25	Matting	" .33 1/2
32.50	Body Brussels rug, 9x12	" 26.25
25.00	Arminster rug, 9x12	" 19.75
25.00	Best Grade Velvet rug, 9x12	" 19.75
16.50	Reversible Brussels rug, 9x12	" 12.25
11.50	All Steel Folding Beds	" 7.35
7.50	All Steel Folding Couches	" 4.85
5.00	Pads for Steel Couch	" 4.85
20.00	China Closets	" 13.75
27.00	China Closets	" 19.50
27.50	Buffets	" 20.75
24.50	Combination Sideboard and Buffet	" 16.25

\$ 3.50	All oak, 24-inch top, French leg, center table	Sale \$ 2.90
12.50	Table, French leg	" 8.75
3.50	English Breakfast Table	" 1.95
18.00	Pedestal 6 ft. Extension Table	" 13.00
33.00	Pedestal 8 ft. Extension Table	" 26.00
11.00	Four-drawer golden oak finished dresser	" 9.25
7.50	Hotel dresser, gold oak finished	" 5.50
15.00	Dresser, oval mirror, quartered oak finish	" 11.25
12.00	Glass front cupboard	" 8.75
7.50	Child's iron bed, any color	" 5.25
8.00	Couch, valure covering	" 5.75
20.00	Couch, imitation Spanish leather	" 15.00
20.00	Bed Couch, imitation Spanish leather	" 15.00
17.50	Combination desk and bookcase	" 11.95
20.00	Hair Mattress	" 13.75
16.00	Hair Mattress	" 11.00
12.00	Felt Mattress	" 8.85
40.00	Turkish Rocker, leather	" 32.75
10.00	Oak Rocker, spring seat	" 6.35
3.00	Oak Rocker, cobbler seat	" 2.25
6.50	Music Cabinet	" 4.25
2.00	All Feather Pillows	" 1.35
3.00	Comforts, good grade	" 2.00
8.50	All Wool, white blanket	" 6.25
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